



VISION

Eau Claire will be a healthy, vibrant, and productive community of exceptional natural beauty.

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MISSION STATEMENT

It is our mission to provide for the common good and deliver services essential for a safe, sustainable, and engaged community.

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City Manager

Appointment of City Council Representative for Aldermanic District 1

The following residents were considered for appointment to the vacant Aldermanic District 1 seat on the Eau Claire City Council:

- Heather DeLuka, 3103 Hope Avenue
- Tim Tewalt, 3604 Wildon Street

Heather DeLuka and Tim Tewalt addressed the City Council during the Monday, June 8, Council meeting to describe their qualifications and the reason they were seeking the position.

On Tuesday, June 9, the City Council approved the appointment of Tim Tewalt to the vacant position. He will take the oath of office and begin serving as the Aldermanic District 1 Council Representative at the Legislative meeting on Tuesday, June 22.

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Community Development

May 2015 Building Permit Activity

Residential building permits issued in May 2015 consisted of 11 single-family homes and 1 two-family home for a total valuation of \$2,956,300. Total building valuation for May 2015 is \$13,272,917.

Downtown Eau Claire, Inc.

It's a great problem to have: residential living in downtown Eau Claire is full, but that means there aren't any open spaces that people can take a peek at.

After discussions taking place over several months, Downtown Eau Claire, Inc. has cancelled its Urban Living Tour. It's a home tour of downtown living spaces. Economic Development Director and DECI Executive Director Mike Schatz says the vacancy rate currently sits at zero to one percent.

"The cancellation is a 'good news, bad news thing,'" he said. According to Schatz, with efforts made over the years, there are more than 300 people living downtown. It has become a national trend for people to flock back to urban centers, and that trend has hit Eau Claire. Dean Peterson, Property Manager at Moeding Partners, said downtown occupancy typically fills up quickly.

"The last three years I've been here, we've pretty much maintained 100 percent occupancy...I keep a pretty full waiting list. There's a lot of interest," Peterson said.

There are roughly 130-140 people living in the Commonweal Development apartments, according to Peterson. The apartments attract a diverse group of people, Schatz said, including young professionals, singles, young married couples and retired people.

"I think people enjoy mixing it up with certain age groups," Schatz said.



Housing popularity leaves no homes to tour

People also appreciate living at the apartments because they are closer to nightlife, trails, attractions and their places of employment, Schatz added. Peterson had similar points. He added, "It's just the closeness to everything, being able to walk to places. I don't really get any negativity from people about living there."

Coming August 1

Eau Claire's



SUMMER FEST

Downtown Eau Claire, Inc.

11:00am - 4:00pm on S. Barstow St.

AND



Eau Claire's

**Family Night
in the Park**

Downtown Eau Claire, Inc.

6:00pm - 11:00pm at Phoenix Park

For updates and more information
follow our Facebook or go to our website
www.DowntownEauClaire.org!



2015 International Fall Festival Parade Entry Form

Parade begins on S. Barstow St. @ 3:00pm (2:15pm line-up)

Saturday, September 19, 2015



RETURN PORTION BELOW

International Fall Festival 2015 Parade Entry Form

Official Group/Unit Name: _____

Representing (school, community, or organization, if applicable): _____

Contact Person: _____ Contact Phone # : _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Please list the e-mail address where all parade information will be sent to : _____

As a participant of the International Fall Festival 2015, I hereby agree to hold harmless and indemnify Downtown Eau Claire, Incorporated, the City of Eau Claire and both of their officers, agents, representatives and employees from and against any and all types of claims, demands, losses, liability, actions, or expenses arising of any kind whatsoever which are connected with or out of the applied-for activity. I also agree to defend Downtown Eau Claire, Incorporated, the City of Eau Claire and both of their officers, agents, representatives and employees against claims or actions by attendees. I also agree to comply with any and all city, county and state codes governing participation in the festival. I further testify that I am authorized by stated organization to give signature to this agreement. I also understand that this sponsorship is non-tax deductible, although can be considered a business expense.

☐ **REQUIRED:** YES, I have read and understand the International Fall Festival 2015 Parade guidelines located at www.downtowneauclaire.com

Signature of Contact Person: _____

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Downtown Eau Claire Inc.
203 S. Farwell St. • Eau Claire, WI 54702-5148
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Fire & Rescue

Annual Reports

For an overview of the services provided by Eau Claire Fire & Rescue, the [annual reports](#) can be viewed on the City of Eau Claire's website.

Summer Safety for Kids

As the school year is coming to an end and parents are scheduling summer activities for kids, it is especially important that parents speak with their children about safety. During the summer, kids may be home with minimal supervision or may be participating in outside activities with minimal supervision.

We recommend that parents talk to kids about safety in the kitchen, such as what is appropriate cooking when home alone, in addition to general cooking safety that would be beneficial. An example is keeping pots or pans on the back burners when possible and always having the handles pointed in a direction where they cannot be bumped, possibly causing a spill and burns to a child.

UV rays are strongest during summer and reflect off water, increasing the probability of sunburn. The American Academy of Dermatology recommends that all kids wear sunscreen with a SPF of 30 or higher. Always wear sunglasses in the bright sun and make sure they have a label saying they block UV rays.

Always wear a helmet when rollerblading and when riding bikes, skateboards, and scooters—even if only going for a short ride.

Water safety measures include always wearing a life jacket, never swimming alone, having a plan and letting someone know about it, and understanding the dangers associated with rivers, lakes, and swimming.###

Health



The Alliance for Substance Abuse Prevention at the Health Department recently announced a partnership with the Eau Claire Police Department, with a collaborative goal to provide ID check training for local retailers.

In recent compliance checks where a sale has been made to an underage customer for tobacco or alcohol, the IDs were checked, but the seller failed to see that the buyer was underage and completed the illegal sale. So far in 2015, 10% of tobacco retailers and 33% of alcohol licensees that were checked have failed compliance checks.



The average age of first use of alcohol and tobacco in Eau Claire County is 13, according to data from the PRIDE Survey taken by middle and high school students every 2 years in Eau Claire County. This is a concern because approximately 80 percent of adults who are current tobacco users started before the age of 18, and 67 percent of youth who started drinking before the age of 15 eventually tried other drugs. Preventing youth from accessing tobacco and alcohol will help reduce negative health consequences.

ID check training for local retailers who have failed 2015 compliance checks will take place June 2. Participants will come out of the class knowing how to read IDs correctly and how to refuse an illegal sale to a minor. For more information about this training, contact Kristin Hildebrand at 715-839-2874 or Brian Schneider at 715-839-4780. Training on how to read IDs specific for tobacco retailers is also available at www.smokecheck.org.

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Library

GRAPHIC NOVEL & FILM DISCUSSION



Scott Pilgrim vs. the World

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16
6-8:30 P.M.
EAU CLAIRE ROOM**

Scott Pilgrim's Precious Little Life

**Read the first volume (or more!) of the
Scott Pilgrim series. Come and watch the
film together and discuss the film adaptation
and books. No registration required.**

Summer Reading Programs Underway @ the Library

June 2 marked the kickoff of the kids, teen, and adult summer reading program. Read or listen to books and earn prizes along the way. New this year...online registration for the adult program (www.ecpubliclibrary.info/events). Stop by Youth Services or Information & Reference for more information, or check out the library [newsletter](#).

Cool Off with Summer Storytimes

Storytimes are back! Foster a love of reading in your child and enjoy the library with fun activities and books. See the library [newsletter](#) for dates and times. No registration is required. To maximize enjoyment for yourself and others, please follow age recommendations.

Summer Cinema

Wednesday Evenings | West Lawn of Haas Fine Arts Center on U.W. – Eau Claire Campus

Activities start at 8 p.m. Films shown at dusk.

BYOB (bring your own blanket) for the outdoor film series. Popcorn and punch will be provided.

- Wednesday, July 8: *How to Train Your Dragon* | Make your own S'mores
- Wednesday, July 29: *The Avengers* | Meet local everyday heroes

Co-sponsored by U.W. – Eau Claire and Volume One. For information on the full Summer Cinema series, go to: <http://www.uwec.edu/Activities/>.

Family Nature Backpacks Available

Family Nature Backpacks are perfect to take to the park, camping, or just out to the backyard! Each backpack contains a variety of field guides and other nature-related books, games and hands-on materials for observing the natural world. Six backpacks are available to check out at the Youth Services desk on a first come, first serve basis.

For information about library services, programs and events, visit the library online at www.ecpubliclibrary.info, stop at Information & Reference on your next visit to the library, e-mail the library at librarian@eauclaire.lib.wi.us, or call 715-839-5004.

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Parks, Recreation & Forestry

Hometown Health Grant

On Tuesday, June 9, the City Council accepted a Hometown Health Grant from Mayo Health Systems for \$25,000 for the purchase of outdoor exercise equipment to be placed in Owen Park. The Parks and Recreation Department wrote the grant application to seek funding to establish an area at Owen Park for adult outdoor fitness equipment to increase opportunities for cardio exercise, flexibility, and overall health and wellness.

Lifeguarding Classes Begin June 15

Dive into a fun and rewarding career with lifeguarding! The Eau Claire Parks and Recreation Department is offering two lifeguarding classes beginning Monday, June 15.

- **Junior Lifeguarding:** Ages 11-15. Develop the swimming skills and learn the rescue techniques required to be a top-notch lifeguard. Classes meet from noon-2 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays until July 9 at North High School. Cost is \$20 for Eau Claire Area School District residents; \$53 for non-residents.
- **Lifeguard Training Review Course:** Ages 15 and older. Renew your lifeguard certification with this abbreviated course. Complete seven hours of online training before class and already possess American Red Cross certification in lifeguarding, First Aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillation to reduce time in the classroom. Classes meet from 9-11 a.m. Monday through Thursday, June 19, at Fairfax Pool. Cost is \$70 for Eau Claire Area School District residents; \$103 for non-residents. Register [online](#).

Kubb for Kids

It's quickly becoming Eau Claire's signature sport, but it's not just for grown-ups. The Eau Claire Parks and Recreation Department is offering a free introductory Kubb class for kids. Participants ages 7-18 will learn the basic rules and how to play the old Nordic lawn game. Class meets from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 18, at Boyd Neighborhood Park. Register [online](#).

Boulevard Clean-up June 20

Lend a hand, Eau Claire! Register yourself or your organization for the ["Hands On Eau Claire: Boulevard Clean-Up"](#) from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, June 20. Join other volunteers as you help beautify the main boulevards around Eau Claire, and then celebrate a job well done with a complimentary lunch. For more information, contact Volunteer Coordinator Teri-Gene Conlin at 715-839-5032.


Summer Open Skating

Put your summer on ice with skating opportunities at Hobbs Ice Center:

- Lunch Break Open Skate: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays through Aug. 31. Admission is \$3 or a single punch of a City Pass (skate rental included). No skating July 3.
- Rink Rat Hockey: Wednesdays through Aug. 26. Mites/Squirts (ages 7-10) play from 6:15-7:15 p.m.; Peewees/Bantams (ages 11-14) play from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 or a single punch of a City Pass.
- Adult Open Hockey: Wednesdays through August 26. 8:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. Admission is \$6 or two punches of a City Pass. Goalies play for free.
- Adult Open Broomball: Wednesdays through August 26. 8:45 p.m.-10:15 p.m. Admission is \$6 or two punches of a City Pass.
- In-Line Open Skate: 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays from July 22- August 26. Admission is \$3 or a single punch of a City Pass. Dates and times may change to accommodate dry floor events.

Park Pages Offer Prescriptions to Live Life Better

Take two hikes, and call me in the morning. Check out the Eau Claire Parks and Recreation Department's [Rx Park Pages](#) to see how parks can be a prescription to a healthier, happier you!



RxParks *A prescription to Live Life Better*

Carson Park

199 Carson Park Drive, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54703

About Carson Park
Perched on a peninsula surrounded by Half Moon Lake is Eau Claire's largest park. The 130-acres that became Carson Park was donated in 1914 to the City of Eau Claire by an heir to lumber baron, William Carson. Carson Park is over 100 years old!

Dimensions of Wellness

Physical

- Half Moon Lake
- Baseball Stadium
- Football Stadium
- Three Tennis Courts
- Two Softball Fields
- Three Museums
- Separate Playgrounds for Ages 2-5 and 5-12
- 18 Horseshoe Courts
- Fishing Pier (Handicap Accessible)
- Half Moon Lake Beach

Social

- Open Year-Round 4 AM to 11 PM
- Restrooms Available May-October
- Handicap Accessible
- Oak, Pine, Birch, and Braun's Bay Pavilions
- Grills Available
- Leashed Pets Allowed

Psychological


- Open Year-Round 4 AM to 11 PM
- Restrooms Available May-October
- Handicap Accessible
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- Leashed Pets Allowed

Amenities

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Directions
From US-53 S take the Clairemont Avenue (Hwy 12) exit. Turn right on Menominee Street then left on Carson Park Drive.
Carson Park can also be accessed from the Chippewa River State Trail.
City buses will stop at Lake Street and 5th Avenue. Visit the Eau Claire City Transit website for details.

For more information visit us online at www.eauclairewi.gov/pr or email us at pr@eauclairewi.gov or call (715) 839-5032



RxParks *A prescription to Live Life Better*

Mt. Simon Park

1005 Addison Avenue, Eau Claire, Wisconsin 54703

About Mt. Simon Park
Located on Dells Pond, you can access this 49-acre park from Madison Street or Birch Street. This park has two levels, one at lake level and the other on higher ground. The land for Mt. Simon Park was acquired in 1959 and between 1973 and 1983 grants were achieved to fund the park's development.

Dimensions of Wellness

Physical

- Dells Pond
- Boat Dock and Landing
- Park Overlook
- Baseball Fields
- Two Lighted Sand Volleyball Courts
- Nine Hole Disc Golf Course
- Playground for Ages 2-12
- Bluff Overlook
- Hiking Trails

Social

- Open Year-Round 4 AM to 11 PM
- Restrooms Available May-October
- Dells and Hillside Pavilions
- Grills Available
- Handicap Accessible
- Leashed Pets Allowed

Psychological

- Open Year-Round 4 AM to 11 PM
- Restrooms Available May-October
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Directions
From US-53 S take exit 89 for River Prairie Drive. Continue onto Birch Street then turn right onto N Dewey Street. Turn left onto Eddy Street and the park will be on your right.
From downtown Eau Claire, head N on Forest Street. Take a left on Addison Street and the park will be directly ahead.
City buses will stop at Addison Street and Pershing Street. Visit the Eau Claire City Transit website for details.

For more information visit us online at www.eauclairewi.gov/pr or email us at pr@eauclairewi.gov or call (715) 839-5032

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Police

Positive Policing

The Eau Claire Police Department is partnering with local Dairy Queen restaurants to reward kids for positive, safe and responsible behavior in our community. Through this community partnership, Dairy Queen has donated coupons for free Dilly Bars to be handed out by officers who interact with kids fitting this criteria. Participating Dairy Queen restaurants include Pinehurst, Birch Street, Golf Road, Oakwood Mall and Bloomer.

Signs in the Public Right-of-Way

With yard sales and graduation parties in full swing, the Eau Claire Police Department would like to issue a friendly reminder regarding signs being placed in the Public Right-of-Way (City Ordinance 16.16.130 – Prohibited Signs): Any sign, picture, poster, or advertisement of any description erected or placed within the public right-of-way including upon any curb, sidewalk, boulevard, telephone pole, electric pole, street light pole or other pole, bridge, tree, fire hydrant, or other similar object except official public signs, which have been duly authorized by a governmental agency and wall, marquee canopy, barber pole, and public service informational signs as authorized by this Chapter.

This means that posted signs are not allowed to be placed on the curbs, on the grass area between the sidewalks and the curb (boulevard), or on any object located within the boulevard.

Signs may be posted on private property with permission from the property owner. Please also be careful that the signs are not too large where they may cause an obstruction for traffic on the road or property owners backing out of their driveways.

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Public Works

Water Conservation Tips

Did you know that a leaky faucet can waste 100 gallons in a day? In 2014, the City of Eau Claire pumped 3.4 BILLION gallons of water, enough to fill 5,100 Olympic-sized swimming pools. Here are some tips on how you can conserve water this summer:

- Water when it's cooler (early morning, late at night). Up to 30 percent of water can be lost if you water at midday.
- Use rain barrels to collect rain run-off from the roof (saves about 1,300 gallons a month for homeowners during peak summer months).
- Wash car with a bucket and sponge instead of the hose.



Water Conservation is everyone's job. Find more tips on the City's water conservation [website](#).

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City Council Meeting Summary – June 8 & 9, 2015

The City Council

- Held Public Hearings on 4 rezoning ordinances:
 - For property on the east side of Western Avenue, north of Waller Street and through to N. Hastings Way from R-1 and R-3 to R-3P;
 - For property at the southeast corner of Harless Road and Drier Road from TR-1A to R-1;
 - For property at the northwest corner of Folsom Street and Epiphany Lane from C-3P to C-2P ; and
 - For property at 2624 S. Hastings Way from C-3 to C-3P.
- Conducted a Public Discussion on authorizing the purchase of the 1927 ALCO Steam Train Locomotive #2719 and selling the locomotive to the Lake Superior Railroad Museum.
- Conducted a Public Discussion on the preliminary alignment for the Eddy Street Bridge Replacement Project.
- Considered Commendations and Proclamations and Recognitions, including the recognition of Juneteenth.
- Granted new bartender licenses and renewed bartender licenses for the 2015-2017 licensing period.
- Granted renewal of licenses for the 2015-2016 licensing period:
 - Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Class B Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Class A Fermented Malt Beverage licenses.
 - Class C Wine licenses.
 - Class A Cabaret licenses.
 - Class B Cabaret licenses.



- Granted a Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Class C Wine license to Asia Palace.
- Authorized the following repeat special events: the MadDash 5K Run; the Just Us for Justice Run/Walk, the Tortoise and Hare 5K, the UW Meets Eau Claire events, the Hops for Hockey event; the Sherman Star River Run; and the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.
- Authorized the Police Department to apply for a COPS Hiring Program (CHP) Grant funded by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice.
- Approved bids and proposals for City Wide Street & Utility Construction and Downtown Street Improvements.
- Authorized Huntington's Disease Society of America to conduct the Team Hope Walk, and St. Patrick's Parish to conduct the St. Patrick's Parish 150th Anniversary events.
- Granted a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Regis Catholic Schools, a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and Temporary Class B Wine license to Eau Claire Sports Commission, and a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage license to Ninja Eau Claire, Inc.
- Selected a candidate to be seated as the Aldermanic District 1 representative on the City Council.
- Authorized a Regional Hazardous Materials Response System Services Contract with the State of Wisconsin and the acceptance of grant monies from the Department of Homeland Security for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA).
- Accepted a Hometown Health grant from Mayo Health Systems for \$25,000 for the purchase of outdoor exercise equipment to be placed in Owen Park.
- Approved the Amendments and Appropriations to the 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the 2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Grant Funding Appropriations.
- Adopted an amended resolution calling for the purchase of the 1927 ALCO Steam Train Locomotive #2719 and selling the locomotive to the Lake Superior Railroad Museum, with conditions.
- Authorized the purchase of artificial turf for the Carson Park Football Field.
- Authorizing the City Manager to execute a collective bargaining agreement between the City of Eau Claire and Fire Fighters Local 487, modified the plan design for group health insurance benefits, and amended the pay plan.
- Approved an agreement with Quarks, Inc./Wisconsin Urban Wood to recycle city wood products to individuals for private use.
- Approved the 2015 Urban Mass Transit Operating Assistance Grant Agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation.
- Selected the preferred preliminary alignment for the Eddy Street Bridge Replacement Project.
- Accepted the Report of the Fiscal Policy Advisory Committee on the 2015 Committee Study and Recommendations.
- Approved the final plat for Phase 1 of Hidden Meadow subdivision located at the southeast corner of Harless Road and Drier Road and authorized the City Manager to enter into a development agreement with SW Land Holdings for street and utility improvements within the Plat of Hidden Meadow.
- Amended the code of ordinances to rezone property at the southeast corner of Harless Road and Drier Road, property on the east side of Western Avenue, north of Waller Street and through to N. Hastings Way, and property at 2624 S. Hastings Way.
- Had first reading of an ordinance amending Table VIII of the City Code of Ordinances, entitled "Parking Prohibited," by adding Short Street, south side, from the Chippewa River Bridge to the east 90 feet.

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